Messrs. C. Krishna Murti and H. K. Veerabasaviah, also urged the necessity for the introduction of the Negotiable Instruments Act in view of the large mercantile transactions in the State.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 9.

Gambling Act to be extended to all taluks.

Mr. Bore Gowda, Yedatore taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The Gambling Act has been passed but it has not been extended to the taluks. It is therefore prayed that the Act may be extended to all the villages and towns in the State as it is only then that gambling can be put down. Further, offences under this Act may be made cognizable by the Police and then alone good results can be expected.

*Reply of Government.*—Instructions will be issued to enforce the provisions relating to the prevention of gambling in the Police Regulation.

SUBJECT No. 10.

Introduction of a law for the proper management and upkeep of Muzrai institutions in the State.

Messrs. B. Alasingra Char and Dodda Payanna, Hassan taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—All over the State there are numerous temples endowed with inam lands. Many of the temples are in need of repairs; and in some there is no worship. With a view to manage and maintain such temples properly a law may be introduced.

*Reply of Government.*—The Muzrai Regulation has been passed into law.

SUBJECT No. 11.

The Muzrai Bill.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 12.

Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation.

(*a*) Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore City Municipal Council.
(*a*) & (*b*) Mr. C. Krishnamurti, Law Association, Bangalore.

*Summary of discussion.*—Modification of the Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation, X of 1894, as follows, is desirable :—

(*a*) Raising the marriageable age of girls from 8 to 10.

(*b*) Fixing the minimum marriageable age of boys at 18.

*Mr. C. Krishnamurti.*—The minimum for girls should be increased to 10. In the Census Report it is stated that the number of married girls between the ages of 5 and 10 is about 3,000 of whom 55 are widows. He anticipated objections regarding his proposal from the orthodox party but would recommend it for the benefit of the public.

Messrs. Venkataramiah and Subba Setti argued *contra* and stated that Government should not interfere in such matters. The present law was passed after careful consideration, and it was quite enough for the present.